

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

- Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
- Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Tom Facey (D)
- Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
- Sen. David Howard (R)
- Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
- Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
- Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

- Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
- Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Christian, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted SB 236, 2/10/2017 SB 237, 2/10/2017

00:01:43 Chair Fielder called the meeting to order and turned the chair over to Vice Chair Hinkle.

**HEARING ON SB 237**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:25 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 237, Revising laws related to hunter apparel.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:20 Bob Gilbert, citizen

00:07:40 Wayde Cooperider, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:24 Sen. Phillips

00:08:45 Mr. Cooperider FWP

00:10:27 Sen. Phillips

00:10:40 Sen. Cohenour

00:11:07 Mr. Gilbert, citizen

00:11:39 Sen. Vincent

00:12:22 Sen. Fielder

00:13:48 Sen. Vincent

00:14:01 Sen. Fielder

00:15:05 Sen. Vincent

00:15:47 Sen. Fielder

00:16:55 Sen. Vincent

00:17:29 Sen. Fielder

00:17:44 Chair Hinkle

00:18:21 Mr. Gilbert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:30 Sen. Fielder

**HEARING ON SB 236**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:45 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 236, Constitutional referendum to safeguard right to hunt, fish, and trap wildlife.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:53 Toby Walrath, Montana Trappers Association  
 00:34:15 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife  
 00:38:32 Paul Fielder, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a02\)](#)

00:44:40 Scott Cargill, Montana Houndsmen Association  
 00:46:17 Garrett Bacon, citizen  
 00:46:39 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited  
 00:49:14 Paul Rossignol, citizen  
 00:51:18 Warren Illi, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a03\)](#)

00:54:23 Jeremy Maus, Southwest Montana SCI  
 00:54:50 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
 01:01:14 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:04:06 Rebecca Dockter, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a04\)](#)

01:13:46 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a05\)](#)

01:18:35 Chris Smith, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a06\)](#)

01:22:24 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a08\)](#)

01:24:19 Dave Chadwick, Montana Wildlife Federation  
 01:28:05 Wes Miles, Trapfree Montana Public Lands  
 01:32:56 Dennis Lopach, Montanans for Trapping Reform and Safe Public Lands

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a09\)](#)

01:34:51 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited  
 01:36:38 Claudia Narcisco, volunteer, Sierra Club of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a10\)](#)

01:40:04 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana  
 01:40:41 Connie Poten, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis34a11\)](#)

01:41:42 Kurt Alt, Wild Sheep Foundation  
 01:43:08 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance  
 01:44:41 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen

01:45:36 Cindy McIlveen, citizen  
 01:46:05 Joelle Selk, Montana Bow Hunters Association  
 01:47:11 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
 01:48:36 Michael Koeppen, citizen

**EXHIBIT(fis34a12)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:49:27 Sen. Phillips  
 01:49:59 Ms. Docktor, FWP  
 01:51:19 Sen. Phillips  
 01:51:53 Ms. Docktor  
 01:51:58 Sen. Phillips  
 01:52:13 Ms. Docktor  
 01:52:25 Sen. Phillips  
 01:53:06 Sen. Fielder  
 01:54:11 Sen. Phillips  
 01:54:56 Sen. Phillips  
 01:55:37 Sen. Phillips  
 01:56:22 Sen. Fielder  
 01:58:05 Sen. Phillips  
 01:58:23 Sen. Fielder  
 01:58:54 Sen. Hinebauch  
 01:59:22 Sen. Fielder  
 02:00:32 Sen. Hinebauch  
 02:00:55 Mr. Brown, MWGA  
 02:02:03 Sen. Vincent  
 02:02:39 Mr. Brown  
 02:02:54 Sen. Vincent  
 02:02:58 Mr. Brown  
 02:03:21 Sen. Vincent  
 02:03:38 Ms. Docktor  
 02:03:41 Sen. Vincent  
 02:03:46 Ms. Docktor  
 02:05:00 Sen. Vincent  
 02:06:07 Ms. Docktor  
 02:07:29 Sen. Vincent  
 02:08:12 Ms. Docktor  
 02:09:39 Sen. Vincent  
 02:10:14 Mr. Lambrecht, RMEF  
 02:10:29 Sen. Vincent  
 02:11:29 Sen. Fielder  
 02:12:11 Sen. Cohenour  
 02:12:41 Ms. Docktor  
 02:13:25 Sen. Cohenour  
 02:13:36 Ms. Docktor  
 02:14:32 Sen. Cohenour  
 02:15:27 Ms. Docktor

02:16:22 Sen. Smith  
02:16:43 Sen. Fielder  
02:16:48 Sen. Smith  
02:16:51 Sen. Fielder  
02:17:14 Sen. Fielder  
02:17:25 Sen. Fielder  
02:18:03 Sen. Smith  
02:18:20 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division  
02:18:50 Sen. Facey  
02:19:42 Ms. Docktor  
02:21:37 Sen. Facey  
02:22:14 Sen. Fielder  
02:23:27 Sen. Hinkle  
02:24:07 Ms. Docktor  
02:25:25 Sen. Hinkle  
02:25:30 Ms. Docktor  
02:25:57 Sen. Hinkle  
02:26:24 Ms. Doctor  
02:26:50 Sen. Hinkle  
02:27:13 Mr. Lambrecht  
02:27:29 Sen. Hinkle  
02:27:31 Mr Lambrecht  
02:27:36 Sen. Hinkle  
02:27:40 Mr. Lambrecht  
02:28:03 Sen. Hinkle  
02:28:05 Mr. Lambrecht  
02:28:13 Sen. Hinkle  
02:28:18 Mr. Lambrecht

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:28:31 Sen. Fielder  
[EXHIBIT\(fis34a13\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(fis34a14\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:31 PM

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Pat Christian, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT**([fis34aad.pdf](#))